

Department of Environmental Quality

Notice of Final Public Meeting for the Development of a TMDL Implementation Plan

Upper Rapidan River Watersheds: Garth Run, Rippin Run, Blue Run, Marsh Run, Beautiful Run, Poplar Run, Unnamed Tributaries (UTs) to the Rapidan River, and the Rapidan River

Madison, Greene, Orange, Albemarle Counties, VA

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality will host a public meeting on a water quality study for Garth Run, Rippin Run, Blue Run, Marsh Run, Beautiful Run, Poplar Run, UTs to the Rapidan River, and the Rapidan River on August 13, 2015.

The meeting will start at 6:00 p.m. and will be held at **James Madison's Montpelier in Lewis Hall**, located at 13384 Laundry Rd., Montpelier Station, VA 22957. The purpose of the meeting is to present the draft Upper Rapidan Implementation Plan to interested local community members and government staff.

The waters listed for this study were identified in Virginia's Water Quality Assessment Integrated Report as impaired for not supporting the *E.coli* bacteria criteria for recreational uses. The impairments are based on water quality monitoring data reports of sufficient exceedences of Virginia's water quality standard for bacteria. A draft Implementation Plan has been developed by DEQ in order to identify measurable goals for restoring water quality. The draft IP also includes corrective actions needed and their associated costs, benefits and environmental impacts. Please see the link below for information presented during the first public meeting and working group meetings:

<http://www.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/Water/WaterQualityInformationTMDLs/TMDL/TMDLImplementation/TMDLImplementationProgress.aspx>

The Implementation Plan has been under development for the last 6 months and included a series of local meetings and input from local citizens and government agencies. A copy of the draft can be found at the link above the day after the public meeting.

The public comment period on materials presented at this meeting will extend from August 13, 2015 to September 14, 2015. For additional information or to submit comments, contact May Sligh at the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, Northern Regional Office, 13901 Crown Court, Woodbridge, VA 22193, by phone (804)450-3802 or e-mail may.sligh@deq.virginia.gov.

*Additional information is also available on the DEQ website at www.deq.virginia.gov/tmdl